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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1950.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1950, was estimated to be 557,918, comprising 286,803 Males and 271,115 Females.

On the 31st December, 1949, the population of the Metropolitan Area was estimated at 294,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

		<u>AUGUST</u>		<u>8 Months ended AUGUST</u>	
		<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
Marriages	Number	399	321	3,570	3,212
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	8.45	7.05	9.70	9.10
Births	Number	1,265	1,180	9,293	8,835
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	26.79	25.90	25.24	25.04
Deaths	Number	515	426	3,308	3,142
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	10.91	9.35	8.99	8.90
Infant Mortality	Number	19	26	254	237
	/ Rate per 1000 Live Births	15.02	22.03	27.33	26.83
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>					
Tuberculosis		8	8	90	89
Cancer		63	48	449	435
Influenza		2	1	11	10
Diphtheria		2	-	5	3
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.		50	30	335	288
Arteriosclerosis		20	12	89	99
Diseases of the Heart		185	169	992	961
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia		20	24	111	181
Diarrhoea and Enteritis		4	2	37	24
Nephritis		13	18	74	117
Diseases of Early Infancy		12	14	159	134
Senility		6	4	30	54
Accidents		36	32	283	217
All Other Causes		94	64	643	530
<u>TOTAL</u>		515	426	3,308	3,142

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

/ Deaths under one year.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the nine months ended September, totalled 794,999 acres, an increase of 243,898 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,724,326 acres, a decrease of 1,124,536 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of September		3 Months ended September	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	1,942,596	1,850,934	5,846,693	4,995,125
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£3. 9. 1d.	£3. 8. 8d.	£10. 8. 5d.	£9. 6. 3d.
Expenditure	2,090,871	1,971,694	6,402,138	5,577,109
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£3.14. 4d.	£3.13. 2d.	£11. 8. 3d.	£10.7.11d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 30th September amounted to £39,958,750 or £70.17.0d. per head of population as against £38,072,548 or £70.9.5d. per head as at the 30th September last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 27th September, 1950, amounted to £9,730,383 compared with £6,667,104 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds		SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Transfers	No.	2,000	1,774	6,320	5,218
	£	2,048,953	1,258,530	6,620,832	3,420,648
Mortgages	No.	1,469	1,105	4,718	3,119
	£	1,635,395	1,066,810	6,138,015	3,664,703
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	979	891	3,073	2,642

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
Three Months ended September, 1949.	4,905,747	3,061,940	11,800,800	568,386
Three Months ended September, 1950	6,851,203	4,854,410	12,334,174	642,028
Month of September, 1949	1,682,855	977,575	3,764,321	208,885
Month of September, 1950	2,232,454	1,719,504	3,579,725	217,685

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

35 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,242,000 and 11 Foreign Companies were registered during the three months ended September, 1950. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 31 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,128,000 and 17 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Three Months ended SEPTEMBER					
	1950			1949		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£	£		£	£
Sequestration Orders	9	25,355	8,342	6	6,815	5,996
Deeds of Assignment(a)	7	17,972	22,691	8	17,940	12,474
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for general and passenger traffic, were as follows:-

		AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Gross Earnings (a)	£	555,550	514,700	1,095,450	829,600
Working Expenses (a)	£	681,190	598,378	1,318,398	1,172,427
Train Miles Run	No.	615,000	560,189	1,206,838	925,423
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b)126,246	77,864	(c) 246,710	163,226
Passenger Journeys -					
Train	No.	839,567	895,026	1,683,716	1,608,232
Motor Bus	No.	43,596	35,425	78,611	70,473
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		250,092	229,373	495,633	376,140
Livestock		11,488	10,742	21,658	18,183
Departmental (Free Freight)		65,538	46,088	136,153	73,602
Total		327,118	286,203	653,444	467,925
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		38,925,686	35,230,704	77,371,610	55,864,562
Livestock		1,785,951	1,726,490	3,239,679	3,015,935
Departmental (Free Freight)		8,777,159	6,153,317	17,366,460	10,799,580
Total		49,488,796	43,110,511	97,977,749	69,680,077

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Period covered - 4 weeks ended 26th August.

(c) Period covered - 2nd July to 26th August.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
<u>1950 -</u>								
January	312	58	-	105	696	218	7	214
February	394	122	2	109	814	394	6	199
March	390	173	1	112	827	510	9	242
April	422	114	7	94	817	381	12	215
May	477	149	8	104	933	430	15	190
June	333	142	14	72	591	271	17	116
July	354	137	6	72	868	525	15	183
August	372	191	8	80	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

Date (As at end of Month)	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1948 -</u>								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
<u>1949 -</u>								
June	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
December	26,245	11,989	402	7,286	43,981	40,412	781	11,740
<u>1950 -</u>								
June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
July	29,461	12,631	445	7,848	(b) 46,783	(b) 35,967	(b) 811	11,246(b)
August	29,799	12,811	453	7,910	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available. (b) Incomplete.

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for August, 1950, 145 Cars; 732 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 10 Buses and 7 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, August, 1950 and 1949 and 2 months ending August, 1950 and 1949, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST		AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Oversea	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
	3,941	2,261	6,969	3,833	3,235	4,167	6,754	7,622
Interstate	4,674	2,146	7,744	4,741	842	465	1,303	864
TOTAL	8,615	4,407	14,713	8,574	4,077	4,632	8,057	8,486

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc.(a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
<u>1950 -</u>										
Mar. Qr.	200	179	557	764	10	58	66	124	833	1,125
June Qr.	281	267	787	1,088	8	46	92	106	1,168	1,507

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
<u>1950 -</u>										
Mar. Qr.	294	465	51	43	375	402	7	6	727	916
June Qr.	408	659	86	76	499	547	13	12	1,006	1,294

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,773,083 lbs. were produced during August, 1950 and 3,152,188 lbs. for the two months ended August, 1950, as against 1,887,331 and 3,370,317 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1949.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	SEPTEMBER		9 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	49,941	50,879	447,020	483,849
Value (Aust. Currency) £	773,666	752,702	6,936,275	5,412,535

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the nine months ended September, 1950, amounted to £782,899. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1949 amounted to £330,375.

Notes: These figures are based on the latest available information and are subject to change.

(1) IN MILLION DOLLARS

Year	Production		Investment		Consumption	
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
1950	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1951	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1952	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1954	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1955	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1957	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1958	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1959	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1960	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

(2) IN MILLION DOLLARS

Year	Production		Investment		Consumption	
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
1950	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1951	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1952	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1954	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1955	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1957	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1958	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1959	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1960	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

(3) IN MILLION DOLLARS

Year	Production		Investment		Consumption	
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
1950	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1951	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1952	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1954	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1955	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1957	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1958	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1959	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1960	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

(4) IN MILLION DOLLARS

Year	Production		Investment		Consumption	
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
1950	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1951	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1952	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1954	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1955	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1957	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1958	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1959	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1960	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series : Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	SEPTEMBER		9 Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER QUARTER		12 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Metropolitan Area	1660	1468	1560	1419	1547	1435	1501	1374
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1789	1594	1693	1557	1652	1525	1596	1470
Northam	1671	1485	1581	1440	1561	1446	1514	1384
Bunbury	1714	1471	1569	1428	1573	1447	1519	1388
Geraldton	1701	1495	1602	1454	1623	1494	1570	1440
Collie	1673	1484	1570	1441	1487	1377	1439	1322

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1949			1950		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	111,653	36,839	148,492	117,756	38,819	156,575
February	110,931	37,417	148,348	118,064	39,050	157,114
March	112,063	37,770	149,833	119,009	39,708	158,717
April	112,671	37,887	150,558	119,440	39,726	159,166
May	112,777	37,782	150,559	120,616	39,755	160,371
June	113,010	37,928	150,938	120,479	39,952	160,431
July	111,190	37,991	149,181	120,412	39,753	160,165
August	113,003	38,098	151,101	121,263	40,015	161,278
September	113,933	38,358	152,291			
October	114,603	38,649	153,252			
November	116,102	39,143	155,245			
December	117,493	39,684	157,177			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1946	1947	1948	1949(a)	1950(a)	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
January	145	162	171	179	199	995	1134	1233	1354	1410
February	148	164	172	182	196	1016	1138	1249	1358	1387
March	151	166	176	186	198	1045	1145	1264	1371	1415
April	153	167	176	187	199	1051	1144	1264	1377	1415
May	154	168	177	187	201	1069	1151	1277	1354	1418
June	154	167	177	187	201	1087	1153	1277	1362	1429
July	157	167	177	182	200	1096	1168	1301	1381	1423
August	159	167	179	187	201	1109	1181	1294	1377	1419
September	160	168	180	191		1114	1172	1302	1365	
October	161	168	180	191		1118	1184	1318	1375	
November	158	169	182	192		1133	1215	1349	1402	
December	163	170	182	193		1165	1267	1385	1470	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1949 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

Date		Description		Amount		Balance	
1/1/20		Opening Balance		100.00		100.00	
1/5/20		Payment		20.00		80.00	
1/10/20		Payment		10.00		70.00	
1/15/20		Payment		15.00		55.00	
1/20/20		Payment		10.00		45.00	
1/25/20		Payment		10.00		35.00	
1/30/20		Payment		10.00		25.00	
2/1/20		Payment		10.00		15.00	
2/5/20		Payment		10.00		5.00	
2/10/20		Payment		5.00		0.00	
2/15/20		Payment		5.00		-5.00	
2/20/20		Payment		5.00		-10.00	
2/25/20		Payment		5.00		-15.00	
2/30/20		Payment		5.00		-20.00	
3/1/20		Payment		5.00		-25.00	
3/5/20		Payment		5.00		-30.00	
3/10/20		Payment		5.00		-35.00	
3/15/20		Payment		5.00		-40.00	
3/20/20		Payment		5.00		-45.00	
3/25/20		Payment		5.00		-50.00	
3/30/20		Payment		5.00		-55.00	
3/31/20		Payment		5.00		-60.00	

Date		Description		Amount		Balance	
4/1/20		Payment		5.00		-65.00	
4/5/20		Payment		5.00		-70.00	
4/10/20		Payment		5.00		-75.00	
4/15/20		Payment		5.00		-80.00	
4/20/20		Payment		5.00		-85.00	
4/25/20		Payment		5.00		-90.00	
4/30/20		Payment		5.00		-95.00	
5/1/20		Payment		5.00		-100.00	
5/5/20		Payment		5.00		-105.00	
5/10/20		Payment		5.00		-110.00	
5/15/20		Payment		5.00		-115.00	
5/20/20		Payment		5.00		-120.00	
5/25/20		Payment		5.00		-125.00	
5/30/20		Payment		5.00		-130.00	
5/31/20		Payment		5.00		-135.00	

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1949 -</u>									
January	112	6	118	98	3	101	116	5	121
February	72	3	75	78	5	83	110	3	113
March	50	-	50	62	2	64	98	1	99
April	57	5	62	72	2	74	83	4	87
May	37	3	40	33	3	36	87	4	91
June	57	7	64	44	4	48	100	7	107
July	4,645	665	5,310	4,371	643	5,014	374	29	403
August	104	9	113	195	19	214	283	19	302
September	67	2	69	102	7	109	248	14	262
October	67	12	79	82	7	89	233	19	252
November	34	7	41	43	4	47	224	22	246
December	38	3	41	25	2	27	237	23	260
<u>1950 -</u>									
January	69	3	72	146	8	154	160	18	178
February	46	7	53	56	5	61	150	20	170
March	36	5	41	49	5	54	137	20	157
April	45	10	55	86	10	96	96	20	116
May	52	10	62	53	8	61	95	22	117
June	105	19	124	114	19	133	86	22	108

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
23rd October, 1950	7. 6. 6.	3. 19. 1.	7. 6. 7.	3. 19. 2.	7. 14. 8.	4. 3. 6.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	20,837	18,289	64,610	48,723
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	19,053	16,687	59,211	44,417

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
September, 1950	6,952	443	76,757	8,182
September, 1949	10,641	499	74,349	8,597
9 Months ended September, 1950	93,861	3,733	482,015	69,087
9 Months ended September, 1949	88,066	3,803	503,759	79,540

